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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite Claims 29, 37, 40, 42, and 57 as follows:

--29. (Twice amended) Structure comprising:

a board suitable for carrying electrically conductive traces;

a plurality of component contacts formed on said board for receipt of electronic components;

a plurality of electrically conductive traces formed on said board, each of said conductive traces being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said component contacts;

at least one programmable integrated circuit connected to said board and containing a plurality of electrically conductive leads, each of said conductive leads being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said conductive traces on said board thereby

to form an electrically conductive path from each component contact to the corresponding conductive lead, said at least one programmable integrated circuit being programmable [by a user through said conductive leads] to selectively interconnect said conductive traces [on said board] through said conductive leads to achieve a desired electrical function from the electronic components to be connected to said board; and

at least one bus for transmitting information between a computer and said at least one programmable integrated circuit.

10. *37.*

(Twice amended) Structure comprising:

a board suitable for carrying electrically conductive traces;
a plurality of component contacts formed on said board for receipt of electronic components;
a plurality of electrically conductive traces formed on said board, each of said conductive traces being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said component contacts; and

at least one programmable integrated circuit connected to said board, each programmable integrated circuit comprising:

a substrate;
a first set of electrically conductive leads formed across said substrate in a first direction;
a second set of electrically conductive leads formed across said substrate in a second direction not parallel to said first direction, at least one conductive lead in at least one of said first and second sets of conductive leads being divided into at least two electrically separate conductive segments; and

means for programmably interconnecting selected ones of said conductive leads or segments;

wherein each of a selected number of said conductive leads of said at least one programmable integrated circuit is electrically connected to a corresponding one of said conductive traces on said board thereby to form an electrically conductive path from each component contact to the corresponding conductive lead; and

wherein said at least one programmable integrated circuit is programmable [by a user through said conductive leads] to selectively interconnect said conductive traces [on said board] through said conductive leads to achieve a desired electrical function from the electronic components to be connected to said board.

40. (Twice amended) Structure comprising:

a substrate;

a plurality of component contacts formed on said substrate for receipt of electronic components;

a plurality of electrically conductive traces formed on said substrate, each of said conductive traces being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said component contacts; and

at least one programmable integrated circuit connected to said substrate and containing a plurality of electrically conductive leads, said at least one programmable integrated circuit being programmable [by a user through said conductive leads] to selectively interconnect said conductive traces [on said substrate] through said conductive leads to achieve a desired electrical function from the electronic components to be connected to said substrate;

[wherein each of said conductive leads of said at least one programmable integrated circuit is electrically connected to a corresponding one of said conductive traces on said substrate thereby to form an electrically conductive path from each component contact to the corresponding conductive lead; and]

wherein said component contacts and said conductive traces on said substrate have a standard configuration independent of the electronic components to be mounted on said substrate and the electrical function to be implemented by said electronic components when selectively interconnected by said at least one programmable integrated circuit.

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(Twice amended) Structure comprising:

a main substrate;
a plurality of component contacts formed on said main substrate for receipt of electronic components;

a plurality of electrically conductive traces formed on said main substrate, each of said conductive traces being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said component contacts;

at least one programmable integrated circuit connected to said main substrate, each programmable integrated circuit comprising:

a chip substrate;
a first set of electrically conductive leads formed across said chip substrate in a first direction;
a second set of electrically conductive leads formed across said chip substrate in a second direction not parallel to said first direction, at least one conductive lead

in at least one of said first and second sets of conductive leads being divided into at least two electrically separate conductive segments; and

means for programmably interconnecting selected ones of said conductive leads or segments;

wherein each of a selected number of said conductive leads of said at least one programmable integrated circuit is electrically connected to a corresponding one of said conductive traces on said main substrate thereby to form an electrically conductive path from each component contact to the corresponding conductive lead; and

wherein said at least one programmable integrated circuit is programmable [by a user through said conductive leads] to selectively interconnect said conductive traces [on said main substrate] through said conductive leads to achieve a desired electrical function from the electronic components to be connected to said main substrate.

57. (Twice amended) Structure comprising:

a board suitable for carrying electrically conductive traces;
a plurality of component contacts formed on said board for receipt of electronic components;

a plurality of electrically conductive traces formed on said board, each of said conductive traces being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said component contacts;

at least one programmable integrated circuit connected to said board and containing a plurality of electrically conductive leads, each of said conductive leads being electrically connected to a corresponding one of said conductive traces on said board thereby to form an electrically conductive path from each component contact to the corresponding

conductive lead, said at least one programmable integrated circuit being programmable [by a user through said conductive leads] to selectively interconnect said conductive traces [on said board] to achieve a desired electrical function from the electronic components to be connected to said board; and

at least one bus for transmitting information between a computer and circuitry
on said board.--

REMARKS

Confirming what was discussed with the Examiner in the video interview on 8 July 1998, independent structure Claims 29, 37, 40, 42, and 57 have been amended to clarify the programmable capabilities of the recited programmable integrated circuits. Independent Claim 40 has also been amended to enter a missing "and" and to eliminate unnecessary language.

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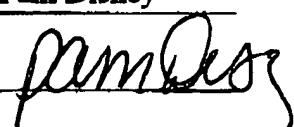
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